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9-24-02**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re Patent Application of:	)	Group Art Unit: 1635
BECKER <i>et al.</i>	)	Examiner: Lacourciere, K.
Serial No. 09/523,237	)	Confirmation No. 5771
Filed: March 10, 2000	)	Atty. Docket No. GP068-03.CN1
For: KITS FOR AMPLIFYING TARGET	)	VIA FACSIMILE
NUCLEIC ACID SEQUENCES USING	)	
MODIFIED OLIGONUCLEOTIDES	)	

**REPLY UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231  
Sir:

In response to the Examiner's Office Action mailed on April 23, 2002, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks in connection with the above-captioned application.

**Amendments****IN THE CLAIMS:**

Please cancel claims 442-491 without prejudice.

Kindly add the following claims:

1. 492. (New) A kit for amplifying a target nucleic acid sequence contained in a target nucleic acid which may be present in a sample, said kit comprising:

an amplification oligonucleotide containing a first base sequence which hybridizes to a second base sequence contained in said target nucleic acid under amplification conditions, wherein said first base sequence contains a cluster of at least four ribonucleotides modified to include a 2'-O-methyl substitution to the ribofuranosyl moiety, and wherein said amplification